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Laymen's Missionary Movement Notes.

By J. Campbell White, General Secretary.

The greatest missionary awakening among men which has occurred in modern times is taking place in Canada. A series of twenty-four city campaigns under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement were held during September and October, reaching clear across the Dominion from sea to sea. Since then a great many other cities and towns have had meetings of a similar character. The culmination of the campaign is to be a Canadian National Missionary Congress, to be held in Toronto March 31 to April 4. At least two thousand commissioners are expected at this congress. It promises to be the greatest men's missionary convention yet assembled in any country. The Canadian council of the Laymen's Missionary Movement has graciously invited the Movement in the United States to send over at least two hundred representative laymen and ministers to attend this congress as honorary members. This invitation has been heartily accepted and the movement is looking for suitable men who can enjoy this rare privilege.

The Canadian National Campaign was undertaken in the hope that a similar series of meetings, on a national scale, might be conducted in the United States next winter. This proposal has been under consideration for several months. It received the cordial endorsement of the Annual Conference of Foreign Mission Boards held in New York, January 13, 14. It is expected that the campaign will be launched at Washington early in the fall, with the encouragement of the President of the United States and other public men. A series of meetings lasting from three days to a week, will be held in each of the leading cities of the nation. Deputations of speakers may also be sent out to a large number of the smaller cities for one or more meetings. Missionaries and board secretaries will co-operate actively in the campaign.

In spite of the severe financial depression last year, when it might have been expected that the offerings to foreign missions would seriously shrink, they actually increased by \$602,000 from the United States and Canada, over the gifts of the previous year. The income on the foreign mission field was even more remarkable. It increased last year by \$1,360,000. The total gifts on the various foreign fields were \$4,844,000. This is 48 per cent of the total amount contributed to

this object by the Protestant churches of North America.

Another striking fact is the increase of native converts last year by 164,674, or over 450 per day. It took about one hundred years to gain the first million converts, or until 1896. The second million were added in twelve years (1896-1908). They are now being added at the rate of a million in six years. While our church membership in the United States increased 11.2 per cent last year, the increase in the membership of American missions abroad was 12 per cent. While an average of two members for each ordained Protestant minister were added to the total church membership in the United States, there was an average of 41 for each ordained American missionary abroad.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Methodist Episcopal Church has secured as its corresponding secretary Colonel Elijah W. Halford, of Washington, D. C. Colonel Halford was the founder and for many years the editor of the Chicago Inter-ocean. He was the private secretary of the late President Harrison. He has spent two years in the Philippines. He is an unusually effective platform speaker.

His acceptance of the secretaryship of the Methodist Laymen's Movement is the strongest guarantee of capable and effective leadership among the laymen of that denomination.

Over one thousand men are expected as delegates to the convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Southern Presbyterian Church, to be held at Birmingham February 16-18.

At least five hundred men are expected at Reading, Pa., on March 16-18, at the convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The appeal of the world is the greatest appeal in the world. It is significant and prophetic that the laymen of the churches are responding to the challenge to evangelize the world in larger numbers and with greater enthusiasm than they have ever before exhibited in any religious problem. The Church will yet save herself in her effort to save mankind.

1 Madison Ave., New York.

Senatobia.

As we rarely see anything in your columns from this part of the State, perhaps a few notes may not be unwelcome.

The last year has been a great year, in many respects, for our church in Senatobia. Great in harmonious, loving service, and great in the results accomplished. Such

whole-hearted co-operation as they give their pastor is a joy and inspiration to him, and never fails of God's signal blessing.

We had 45 accessions to the membership of our home church, the number brought into the Kingdom on the foreign field as a result of the labors of the native missionary pastor our church supported there, we do not know, but we trust that to the Lord of the harvest. We surpassed all previous records in our offerings to all missions, and we hope to do even better this year.

Our Sunday school under the efficient leadership of Bro. J. P. Stumps, superintendent and his assistants, Arnold Frenen and R. L. Henshaw, is prospering and growing as never before. I desire to add, that we have the most efficient Sunday school secretary I ever knew in the person of Bro. A. E. Scott, who is constantly devising means to improve the school.

Our Baraca class, in charge of Bro. E. E. Moore, president, and Prof. L. A. Smith, teacher, is the talk of the town, and is solving the problem of holding the young men. This class now numbers thirty members, and still growing. In fact our entire corps of twelve teachers comprise as efficient and consecrated a band of Christian workers as one often finds anywhere.

Our Ladies' Aid, W. M. U., and Earnest Workers have each been busy for the work of the Lord and the church and have done most helpful service. Even the little Sunbeam Band have contributed their mites, while engaged in the eminently important work of training for more effective service as they grow older.

Our mid-week prayer service has taken on new interest and vigor under the present plan of topical study, with a different leader for each week in the quarter. Attendance is good, and many declare it is the most enjoyable service we have.

At last conference the church voted to enlarge the parsonage, by the addition of two more rooms, that their pastor's family may be more comfortably housed. Another of the many marks of their consideration for his comfort, which he gratefully appreciates. This work is to cost some \$400 or \$500, and is to be pushed to early completion.

On next Sunday, March 14, we are to have with us that prince and leader of our State's missionary forces, Secretary A. V. Rowe. We are praying that he may be used of the Lord to bring to us such a message as will warm and stir our hearts, and move us to the greatest offering in our history, for Foreign Missions.

A. T. Cinnamond.

Some Facts.

Out of all the requests made for minutes I have received sixteen which give the following facts, viz:

Churches	S. S.	Pupils.
Mt. Pisgah Association	42	15
Pearl Leaf	28	27
Caray	11	7
Leaf River	19	0
Calhoun	41	9
Aberdeen	27	14
Central	39	26
Pearl River	13	11
Bogue Chitto	27	20
Chester	34	20
Gulf Coast	22	15
Columbus	28	20
New Liberty	46	20
Lawrence County	24	25
Union	18	13
Louisville	26	9

We are very anxious to furnish complete figures to Mr. Burrows before he makes up his report for Southern Baptist Convention minutes so we ask the moderators of all the other associations to send us minutes at once. Will the moderators of Carey, Calhoun and Louisville secure number of pupils in the schools for me? Bro. Brooks will please get number of schools and pupils in Leaf River Association.

J. E. Byrd, S. S. Secy.

Mt. Olive, Miss.

The Argentine Baptist Convention.

The fourth year of our actual work in the Argentine Republic has just closed. The Lord has greatly blessed the cause of the Southern Baptists in all their labors here, but the closing year has been signal in the progress of the work. It is our first jubilee, which we celebrate by organizing the national convention of Baptists.

The meeting was at Rosario de Santa Fe, December 21, 1908, and January 1, 1909. Organization was effected with Brother Thomas Spright, from Tennessee, as president, and Senor Alfonso Yebra, one of our native helpers, as secretary. The constitution, drafted largely by a committee of native delegates, named the new Baptist body "La Convencion Evangelica Bautista en la Republica Argentina." The convention represents some hundred and eighty Baptists, members of the five churches established by our missionaries here—the Lima and Once churches in Buenos Aires, the First and Second churches of Rosario, and one church at Santa Fe. From these came twenty-two representatives, who entered into the work with zeal, though not lacking in consecration. They had never witnessed anything similar, yet the delegates entered heartily into all the workings and discussions of the body, and the Christians of Rosario opened their hearts and homes to those who had come in interest of the Kingdom.

The two matters of business to which the convention attended, aside from effecting an organization, were publication and extension of work. "The convention will publish its own paper, 'El Expositor Bautista,' which we want to put into every Baptist family in the republic, to help indoctrinate those who have been won to Christ. From the first, the leaders of the work in Argentina, are instilling into the hearts of the people the desire for the extension of the Kingdom. And nobly have those who have been converted rallied to the work of opening up new sections of our field, often 'in their deep poverty abounding unto the riches of their liberality.'"

The next meeting of the convention will be January 1, 1910, with the Lima Baptist Church in Buenos Aires, the first church established by our missionaries in this country.

January 1st also marks another stage in the work of the Argentine mission. At the close of the convention, the delegates and visitors assembled in the Second Church of Rosario to ordain to the work of the ministry. Rev. Juan C. Varetto, the first native Argentine Baptist pastor. He is a brother of Christian culture and consecration, well grounded in the faith, and has been for some years a successful worker for the Master. We predict for him a career of great usefulness in this work.

We do not wish our people at home to get the idea that their work in Argentina as a mission field is at an end, since we have organized an Argentine convention, nor is it true that their help is any the less needed. This is but the beginning of the work, but it has been the policy of the missionaries here to train the churches as rapidly as possible in self-support and independent work. And now that the work is being organized there is all the more need for renewed effort to conquer this land for Jesus Christ.

James C. Quarles,

Convention Correspondent.

Rosario de Santa Fe.

Veteran Preachers' Home.

What the Brethren Say.

Duck Hill, Miss., Jan. 25.

Dr. J. L. Johnson, Clinton, Miss.:

Dear Bro.—Some time since I saw a letter from you advocating a Veteran Preachers' Home and I was so fully in accord with the sentiment therein expressed that I thought then I would write you at once my cordial approval, but from some cause I failed to do so. But it is rarely ever too late to advocate a good thing and I will now do so. When I think of it, I am astonished that we Baptists have so long neglected this duty—a duty it seems to me we owe to God, our veteran brethren and ourselves—all of us favor pensioning the old Confederate soldier and providing him a good home in his

old age; then, in a higher degree we should see that our old Veterans of the Cross, the valiant old soldiers of our King who have spent their lives fighting the hosts of the Devil should now, when enfeebled by the infirmities of age, be provided with a comfortable home in all that term implies.

Push the work and urge our brethren to rally and perform a long neglected duty.

Yours in Christian love,

James R. Binford.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 25, 1909.

Dear Dr. Johnson.

*** Touching the "Old Preacher Movement" so nobly championed by you, I will say. It's noble, it's right, and should be fostered by every Baptist in the State, and you can depend on me.

I am inclined, however, to Dr. Lowrey's views. I believe it most feasible and practicable to care for our beloved brethren in private homes.

Fraternally yours,

G. W. Riley.

Leland, Miss., Feb. 5, 1909.

Dr. John L. Johnson,
Clinton, Miss.

My Dear Brother—I think it better to wait now until we hear from Bro. Rowe. You know Brother Lowrey, at the close of his article, asks, what does Brother Rowe think about it.

As you so wisely said, there is certainly some better way to care for our old preachers than the present one.

Hope you are well and happy.

Fraternally,

A. J. Miller.

Learned, Miss., Jan. 27, 1909.

Dear Bro. Johnson—I am very much interested in the question of caring for our worn out preachers and their wives or widows and have my churches to make contributions to their support every October.

I feel ashamed of my denomination on account of the inadequate manner in which we have cared for them. If I were among the number, I would much prefer to go to Beauvoir, or even suffer, rather than accept it.

I don't believe a home is the best. It will cost us more, be less satisfactory and not so pleasant to the beneficiaries, is my way of looking at it. If, however, the home is agreed upon and built I'll be found doing my part in its support. You may count on me.

Very truly,

P. A. Haman.

From Sunny Florida.

February 3d, at 3 p. m., I crossed the Alabama line into Florida. The Sunday before a blizzard had swept across the State, the first and only cold snap they had during the winter. While I write it is as pretty

as a Mississippi May day here, and has been all the month, with the exception of the first two or three days. It is absolutely beautiful. No wonder the people from the North winter here by the tens of thousands—65,000 last winter; and more this.

This is the season for Bible conferences and chautauquas. At Gainesville I spoke to "The Florida Bible Conference" for three days, three times a day, on "Evangelism," addressing from two to eight hundred people at a service. Sunday afternoon at a "boys' service," where five or six hundred people gathered and heard me speak for an hour on "Boys," we had 40 boys and girls who said they would and did then and there take Jesus as their Savior.

From Gainesville I came to Jacksonville, where I have been in a meeting with Pastor Hendon at the Riverside Baptist Church. A recent census taken finds 66,000 people in Jacksonville.

"Riverside" is along the St. Johns river; and the prettiest residence section I have ever seen. And our Baptist people have placed a church right in the middle of it—did it through and by our Home Mission Board.

Our meeting closes Sunday night. People are here for pleasure and not for religion. I have never seen so many grown people not connected with some church, as I find here. We had a grandmother to present herself, last night, for baptism. We hold service every day at noon for fifteen minutes at the great shops of the Sea Board Railroad. From 75 to 100 men have stood around me in overalls, smut and grease, every day for nine days while I spoke with all the earnestness of my soul, mind and body; and three-fourths of them had never been members of any sort of a church. Numbers of them gave me their hands and signed cards certifying that they had accepted Christ as their Savior, while nearly all of them asked to be prayed for. A railroad shop with a car wheel for a pulpit is the finest place to preach to men I have ever found. There is no time for anything but business; when the whistle blows they must go and the preacher must be through—I was. Brother preachers, go down to the railroad shops and speak to men, while they eat and smoke. Look them in the face and tell them of Jesus Christ our Lord—they will listen to you, and bless you for it, too.

I go from here to Tallahassee to help Dr. Pruitt in a three weeks' meeting; thence to Clinton, S. C., where, in connection with their Bible Conference, I assist Pastor Fowler in a three weeks' meeting; after which I will make my way back to Mississippi to help round out the Home Mission financial campaign, provided the churches want me. Otherwise, I will stop off with the Capital Avenue people in Atlanta, for a three weeks' meeting.

The Home Board has asked me to cancel

all evangelistic engagements for April that I may give the whole month, day and night, week-day and Sunday, to the rounding out of the financial campaign in Mississippi. Now I had rather help engineer a good mission collection than to eat, any day; and if there are any churches who want to have me speak to them on the Home Mission feature of world-wide missions, just write the facts in the case to Vice President Tandy. We are all anxious to see Mississippi lead again this year. Wilkinson writes that Columbia goes up from \$69.00 last year to over \$100.00 this year. And what Columbia has done 1,000 others can do—let's do it; all of us at it will bring up the whole \$25,000.

Earnestly,
W. P. Price.

Jacksonville, Fla.

The Spirits in Prison.

(It is desired that an outline of the study of this subject with the Theological Class in our College be given in the Record. H. F. S.).

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which were some time disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah."—I Pet. 3:18-20.

These words are confessedly obscure and difficult. It is said that no satisfactory explanation has been given.

Two questions call for answer—(1) To what spirits, when and how did Christ preach? (2) What was the purpose and result of that preaching?

In the examination of any passage of Scripture, and especially one difficult of interpretation, we must always study in the line of thought running through its connection, and demand that our interpretation be consistent with the design of the writer in using it. This rule is important and essential, yet it is generally neglected in the study of this subject.

The purpose of the Apostle in this Scripture evidently is to induce Christians to lead holy and beneficent lives (verses 1-12). He urges many motives—(1) God will not allow any harm to befall them if they seek the good (13); (2) If they suffer for such a life they may be happy (14). After a digression (15-17), he presents another motive (3) The glorious results of Christ's sufferings in illustration of the blessed issue of the Christian's suffering (18). Then follows the passage for our study. Christ, in his beneficent sufferings, and for well-doing, was "put to death in the flesh, but quickened in the spirit in which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison (19, 20).

Among the many interpretations, it seems to me that there are only three in support of which anything plausible can be said.

1st. "To the spirits of the antediluvians, now in prison, Christ in his spiritual nature, before his incarnation, went and preached, when they were disobedient, while the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah."

It is affirmed—(1) That Christ preached to these people personally; (2) That he preached, not in his flesh, but in his spiritual nature; (3) That he preached to them at the time when they were disobedient; (4) That the time of their disobedience was in the days of Noah. A modification of this theory claims that Christ preached to these antediluvians, not personally, but in the person of Noah through the Holy Spirit. In support of this view I Pet. 4:5, 6 and Rom. 10:13-18 are cited.

There are serious objections to this theory. (1) It is strained, and seems to have been adopted to meet the claim that there will be a probation after death. (2) It requires the translation—"in the spirit by which he had gone and preached to the spirits while they were disobedient, but who are now in prison." (3) It does not observe the antithesis between the flesh and the spirit—"put to death in the flesh and quickened in the spirit." (4) It says nothing about the purpose of the preaching, but implies that it was for salvation. (5) It is not in harmony with the writer's purpose—to induce Christians to lead holy and beneficent lives. (6) The language—"in which he went and preached," seems to involve a personal mission on the part of Christ, and not merely an agency through Noah.

2. A second interpretation regards the preaching as having been done by Christ personally in his disembodied state between his death and resurrection to all expectant believers then in the invisible world, assuring them by his own victorious resurrection which should soon follow of their own ultimate perfection.

This view affirms (1) That the prison was merely a place of safe-keeping. (2) That Jesus went to this place of safe-keeping while disembodied and announced to these saints that the salvation in which they had hoped was now consummated by his death. (4) That the purpose of this preaching was not redemption, but consolation and encouragement. Those who hold and advocate this view do not favor the theory of purgatorial suffering, nor that of a second probation, nor that of universal salvation.

But (1) This interpretation presents a doctrine nowhere else found in the writings of Peter. (2) It requires the belief that some of the disobedient antediluvians repented before the flood came, and entered into the place of safe-keeping as saints. (3) It is not easy to see how this view would aid the Apostle's purpose in writing.

3. A third interpretation regards the preaching as having been done by Christ personally after his resurrection, and that

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The great evangelistic campaign in New Orleans will open Sunday, March 14th. Of the Home Board force there will be present W. W. Hamilton, W. D. Wakefield, Luther Little, C. A. Stewart, Ralph Wright, W. A. McComb and H. A. Hunt. These with the resident pastors will make a strong team. And then Dr. E. Y. Mullins, with the assistance of others, will conduct a Bible conference the first week of the campaign. The pastors of the city very earnestly bespeak the united prayers of the brotherhood that God will make bare his arm in the salvation of this great Southern metropolis.

The Sunday School Board has arranged a missionary lesson for March 28th. This will be substituted for the lesson regularly mapped out for that day. The Board suggests that all the Sunday schools take advantage of the day to secure a collection for home and foreign missions. It seems that this is eminently timely in view of the great need of these two departments of our work. Let's make the day count.

In the recent great revival in Tennessee College, in which Dr. J. C. Massee, of Chattanooga, did the preaching, there were three services a day. There was deep interest in the student body from the first, and

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this deepened until nearly every unsaved student surrendered to Christ for salvation and service.

Bro. J. E. Byrd, our Sunday school field man, made five addresses at Berwick last week, and three confessed Christ and were added to the church. This kind of Sunday school work hits the mark. Bro. Byrd makes his meetings just as evangelistic as circumstances will allow.

Rev. B. T. Kimbrough, a Mississippi man, is Superintendent of the Mission Home, at 1224 West Jefferson Street, Louisville, Ky. He is a son of the late Judge B. T. Kimbrough, of Oxford, Miss., and is a most excellent young brother.

Rev. W. D. Mathis, Taylorsville, will be available for meetings during the summer. Address him at Taylorsville, Miss.

Health and Happiness, or an analogical study of disease and sin, by Robert Maxwell Harbin, A. B., M. D. It is published by the American Baptist Publication Society, and sells for 90 cents net. Postage 7 cents. Its chapters are five, as follows: I. Argumentum; II. The Influence of Nature in Disease as Revealed by Recent Investigations; III. The Analogy of Disease and Sin; V. Philosophy of Death. It is an original and striking book; and while some things in it might not be accepted by all, yet it is thought-provoking and quite instructive to the mind of the layman. From the nature of the subjects with which it deals it must be metaphysical and a bit abstruse, but a careful study of it will more than repay the reader.

The Evangel, just from the press, is before us. It is a new Baptist song book compiled by Evangelist W. W. Hamilton, of the Home Mission Board, and Robert H. Coleman, assistant pastor to Dr. George Truett, Dallas, Texas. It is designed, and seems to be very suitable for Sunday school and church services, prayer meetings and evangelistic meetings. It is highly endorsed by many strong pastors and musicians, and will be used in the Southern Baptist Convention, which is to convene in Louisville, Ky., in May. Price in board covers, 25 cents postpaid, and Manila 18 cents postpaid. It is published by the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, and can be had from any of the Society's branch houses or from The Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss.

The Speaker, by Paul Martin Pearson, and published by Pearson Brothers, Philadelphia, has just reached our review table. It is strongly bound in cloth and contains 260 pages. It contains a very fine selection of pieces suitable as declamations for children and young people, both in poetry and prose.

Bound in cloth it sells for 60 cents, and in paper for 40 cents.

A Syllabus of Lectures on the outlines of the history of Christian Missions, by Prof. W. O. Carver, of our Seminary, is the title of a pamphlet. It is divided into 24 short chapters, and cannot fail to prove of great value to the student of missions. Published by the Baptist World Publishing Co., Louisville, Ky.

The members of President Taft's cabinet are Philander C. Knox (Pennsylvania), Secretary of State; Franklin McVeagh (Illinois), Secretary of the Treasury; J. M. Dickinson (Tennessee), Secretary of War; George W. Wickersham (New York), Attorney General; Frank L. Hitchcock (Massachusetts), Postmaster General; George Von L. Meyer (Massachusetts), Secretary of the Navy; Richard A. Ballinger (Washington), Secretary of the Interior; James Wilson (Iowa), Secretary of Agriculture; Charles Nagel (Missouri), Secretary of Commerce and Labor. Out of all the nine, only one (Mr. Dickinson) is a Southern man.

Bro. W. R. Cooper writes: "The Itta Bena contribution for Foreign Missions amounted to \$165.25. All debts paid and the church and pastor's home ordered painted. We are happy. God is blessing us."

Missionary J. F. Ray, en route to Japan writes from Honolulu:

"We have had a smooth voyage thus far. All well and hopeful for pleasant weather the rest of the way. Every afternoon at 2:30 the missionaries and other Christians on board hold services. On Sunday we hold three meetings. We have seen something of the life on the islands today. Hawaii is a most interesting territory. Tropical fruits abound. I hope the Record is going to come to us as soon as we are settled."

Only about six weeks remain to us for raising about \$45,000 for home and foreign missions. About a thousand dollars a day. Can we reach it? We are well able to do so. Shall we do so? Yes, in the name of every worthy consideration, we must. According to numbers and ability, we have done as much before in the same length of time. The situation is really alarming, but not discouraging. Men of Israel, forward!

The opportunity to help along the cause is still open. Mississippi has fourteen missionaries on foreign fields. They have all expressed a desire to have The Baptist Record go to them while they are working as our substitutes, but they do not feel able to pay for it. The Record Co. would be glad to send The Record to all these free, but does not feel able, and also feels that it would be cheating others not to allow them a chance to help. The cost including post-

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age is \$3.00 for each subscription. This would amount to \$42. Six dollars have been sent us for this purpose: W. F. Redwood, Brooksville; Miss Magnolia Schilling, Lena; and J. T. Flanagan, Greenwood. Who will be the next?

Associational Minutes.

The Baptist Record needs a copy of the minutes of each Association for 1908. In answer to former calls we have received several of these. But are still without the following: Bay Springs, Choctaw, Hobolochitto, Judson, Lauderdale, Leaf River, Liberty, Lincoln County, Magee's Creek, Mt. Pisgah, Oktibbeha, Oxford, Pearl Leaf, Pearl River, Pearl Valley, Sunflower, Tip-pah, Tishomingo, Trinity, Union and West Judson.

Any clerk or moderator who will send us a copy of the minutes of his association will place us under sensible obligation to him. Brethren, we are asking this small service for the sake of the cause. Please send us one immediately and oblige.

Sensible and Safe.

A girl who is gentle, brave and spirited; who is unselfish, high-minded and intelligent; who does not think of herself, but works for the happiness of others; who is merry and dainty and wholesome as a girl should be, will never lack for lovers or friends.

She is the light of the home, a good friend to her sisters and brothers, and the sunshine of the old folks. God bless her.

The first question a man asks when he sees a girl flirting is whether she is respectable or not; it raises a doubt at once. This being the case, no modest girl can afford to indulge in the pastime. When the dawn is brushed from a peach, its beauty is so marred that it can never be restored and when a young girl throws lightly aside that sweet and modest reserve so becoming to a maiden and which so elevates her to command the respect of all, she loses the great charm and becomes rather cheap and common to use no rash terms.

Flirting may seem to the giddy and thoughtless girl wonderfully amusing and she may get the idea that she is fascinating, but it is a most degrading thing and should be frowned upon by every young lady who has an ambition to become a worthy and charming young woman.

Rules Adopted by a Nice Girl.

1. I don't let a man smoke when he walks or drives with me. If he knows no better than to do it, I promptly tell him what I think about it.

2. I don't give my photograph to men. I used to occasionally, but I am wiser now. I should hate by and by to know that my face might be hanging up in Tom, Dick and Harry's room.

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3. I don't let a man take my arm when he walks with me. If he does, I tell him I prefer him to give me his arm.

4. I don't go out with a man just because he asks me to. I like it better if he asks another to go, too—his sister for instance.

5. I don't let any man "see me home" from church. If he hasn't got gumption enough to take me there and sit through the service with me he can stay away altogether.

6. I don't let any man give me a present, unless it is something of a trifling cost—like fruit or flowers.

7. I don't encourage a man who is not perfectly polite and agreeable to my mother. Whoever calls on me sees a good deal of her.

8. I don't allow a caller to stay later than 10 o'clock. If he does not go at that time I tell him politely that this is my custom.

The Work Before Us.

That was a grand pageant that heralded in the 4th of March to give tone and character to the inaugural of the chief man of ours, the greatest nation on earth. What lavish outlay of money in beautifying the already most beautiful city of the world. What train loads of people from the most distant sections of our country even are there to do honor to the occasion. Hear the strains of music as from hundreds of instruments they "Hail to the Chief" and the answering shouts of the thousands while their tread resounds throughout the city's farthest limits.

The day passes, its incidents are told and retold, and then are lost to sight. A few years at the best and this man will pass away, and with him will pass the great throng of constituents who have delighted to do him honor. We turn away from them all to another chief, "whose we are and whom we serve" whose words shall not pass away. "Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God hath highly exalted him, and given him a name that is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth: and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

Because he is our Lord we hail him King in Zion, and what he wants done that we will do. For this reason pastors and churches everywhere are planning great things to mark these days as they pass. These are the great mission months of the year. The spirit of missions is everywhere. We breathe it in at every breath, we hear it in every

sermon and talk at the churches, we give expression to it in our prayers, and our conversations are not devoid of its pervasive presence. The papers are full of it, and insistent editors as also correspondents are giving it prominence in all they write. For months our sisterhood have been active in arousing interest in their Christmas offering, and this has been bearing precious fruit. The Sunday school people are now preparing to give additional emphasis to its presence with special lessons and services and offerings on the 28th of this month. What does it all mean? Nothing less than to crown him King whose right it is to reign. Cold and indeed indifferent to high and noble things must be whose heart beats no response to this season of pulsing life and supreme effort to obey his king.

The news is coming in from the outposts as to how goes the battle. At Durant the church shows the emphasis of this spirit in a larger contribution than last year, reaching \$291.83 for Foreign Missions, while Tupelo speaks out for Home Missions with \$175. At Oxford, with the \$10,000 annex on hand, they do not forget Foreign Missions but throw out the life line with \$332.55. Baldwin and Booneville join hands at the call of pastor with \$81.80 for State Missions. Batesville adds \$55.65 for Home Missions, while Pittsboro divides \$51.50 between the two. Ackerman after the inspiration of paying off a debt of \$1,600, sends \$61.25 to State Missions.

A. V. Rowe.

TEACHERS' TRAINING COURSE.

Blue Mountain College.

Almost daily we hear through friends of young ladies who "are planning to come to Blue Mountain for the last quarter," but who have made no application for room. For practically all the time for many years our room has been engaged far in advance, and few have gotten into our school without engaging a future vacancy and waiting for it. We already have applications on file for the last quarter from several girls whom we have been unable to promise places. Yet, some of these may withdraw and some who are here and have not given notice to that effect may leave before the quarter opens; hence, a few more girls may be able to get places, but none need hope for room who do not make definite arrangements for places before they come. As announced in foot note on page 22 of our last catalogue, we do not plan to permit even those who come for the Teachers' Training Work to board in the private homes of the village. We think our reasons for this are good.

The last quarter of our session opens on Monday, April 13th, and closes on Thursday, June 10th. All who plan to come for the last quarter of this session or for next session should note carefully the foot notes to pages 17 and 22 of our last catalogue, which will be mailed promptly upon request. The indications are that all of our room for next session will be engaged within the first few days after our books are opened for engagements on the first Monday in May.

Lowrey & Berry.

Blue Mountain College,
 Blue Mountain, Miss., March 8, 1909.

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the preaching was the announcement, the proclamation of the completion of his mediatorial work on earth, and of his final victory over death and the grave to all the worlds, and even to the spirits in prison, who were disobedient in the days of Noah.

Concerning this view it may be said (1) It claims that the preaching was an announcement, a proclamation, like that of a herald. (2) That the purpose of the preaching was not evangelization, redemption, but information. (3) It is in line with the Apostle's purpose in writing—to help Christians in patient endurance and holy living by the glorious results of the sufferings of Christ, as seen in the difference between the body in which he was put to death and that in which he was brought back to life and in which he ascended from the earth, entered the invisible world, and as a mighty conqueror made proclamation to all worlds, even to "the spirits in prison," (specialized because of what the writer desired to say about the ark, salvation and baptism), that his mission had been accomplished. (4) It maintains the antithesis between flesh and spirit. If we translate "put to death in the flesh," we must also translate "quickened in the spirit." Quickened in the Holy Spirit would give no definite conception. Christ could not be quickened in his human spirit, for that did not die when he was "put to death in the flesh." Quickened through the resurrection in his spiritual body is consistent with the antithetic clause, "put to death in the flesh."

Then, according to this view, the meaning would be that Christ was put to death in his natural body, but quickened in his spiritual body, in which he went and proclaimed to all worlds, even to the spirits in prison, the glorious results of his mediatorial mission on earth.

Greenwood Bible Institute.

The Bible Institute conducted under the auspices of the First Baptist Church of Greenwood on Feb. 15-19 was a superlative success. It measured to all that we had hoped for. We had twenty-one preachers in attendance. All the pastors of the Mississippi Delta were here except four and I learn that they were detained because of sickness. We designed the Institute to reach the Delta and it did. All the speakers were present and filled their places as the program was called.

I could not speak of the excellencies of the work done without commenting on every speech. All the speakers mutually excelled each other. Everybody was charmed with Dr. R. A. Venable. Those who had heard him before said he was better than ever. The Mississippi ministry ought to thank God every day that we have such a master of Scripture interpretation in our midst as Dr. Venable. We ought to make

way for him to spend the rest of his life as a teacher among our churches and preachers. Our local church was greatly blessed by the Institute. Both pastor and people are happier and stronger. Already we have it in our heart to bring on the greatest Institute in all the land for next year. We will be in our new house by that time, and with larger facilities we will be able to do larger things. Better decide now to come. What fellowship and comradeship in a crowd of preachers! God bless the preachers of Mississippi. They are the King's royal sons. In my soul I do "Love the Brotherhood."

Sincerely,
Selsus E. Tull.

Home Mission Work in the Great Southwest.

Some one, a few years ago, very aptly said that Texas is a trophy of the Home Mission Board. It would not be comprehensive enough to confine the saying to Texas, for the whole great Southwest has been largely won to the faith of the New Testament through the Home Mission Board as an agency. On this Southwestern field are now more than a half million Baptists.

From very early times the Home Mission Board began its work in Texas. The first relay of great missionaries came to Texas under the Home Mission Society of New York before the establishment of the Southern Baptist Convention; but their coming was the result of the large giving of Jesse Mercer, who set aside a noble sum to bear the expenses of some well equipped men to go to this new territory, which was just opening up. From this early beginning, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has persistently fostered the work, until today there must be, if they could be rounded up, not fewer than 300,000 white Baptists in Texas, besides some 200,000 negro Baptists.

Of course, there have been many contributing forces. Much of the conquest has come through associational effort, much of it through the Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and other general bodies, but all the large movements in Texas and in the Southwest for the conquest of this great growing country, have been steadied and helped forward by the Home Mission Board. There are but few great churches in Texas, perhaps none, that have not been helped more or less by this agency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

I have been in Texas twelve years, and have had the best of opportunities to know the ins and outs of Baptist progress in Texas and adjoining States. I bear testimony to the fact that all along "the far flung battle line," that at every difficult point, and in every crisis that has come, the Home Board has, with its great strength, helped to win the day. It will be hard for the ordinary mind to comprehend the value of such an agency as the Home Board at criti-

cal periods; when for any reason the battle wavers, to come as Luther came at a critical time in the battle of Waterloo. Such a time came, when the great flood struck our Southern coast annihilating churches, and many such times have come and continue to come. In this way, the Home Board has helped to win almost every strong position that Baptists hold throughout this great territory.

It would be a very incomplete statement to say that the Home Board has helped to build churches here and yonder and to win important positions. Immeasurably more than that has been done. The Board has lent itself vigorously to the great movement now on in the Southwest for unification on progressive policies, and for the unity of Baptists around great enterprises, which are to endure for centuries.

It is a very superficial view of mission work to suppose that evangelizing and baptizing people is the end of it. That is the first end, but the other end is, teaching them to observe all things commanded, out into the doing of the all things. But we have not understood the real significance of a great agency like the Home Mission Board in a rapidly forming situation, such as we have in the Southwest, unless we understand the essential unity of all parts of the work. Whatever helps State Missions if the policies are rightly laid out, will help everything else. In fostering State Mission enterprises of the different States, the Home Board has fostered everything Baptists are doing in those States. That is, we are helping to pull associations up to higher ground, for the State Board relates itself to the associations and to their work and leads them. Not only that, but the State Board lends itself, or should lend itself in Texas to every part of the work on the field.

It gives strength to every form of benevolence. It gives strength to every form of Christian education, and, in that way, diffuses the strength of the great missionary forces of the State throughout the denomination, lifting everything to a higher plane. The Home Board contributes to this comprehensive mission movement and diffuses its strength downward and outward to vitalize the denominational life in all of its parts.

By the method just described, Home Missions becomes entwined with all other forms of missions on the home field, and becomes a great foreign mission force. It is folly to suppose that there can be anything even approximating rivalry between Home Missions and Foreign Missions. They are but the two sides of the same thing. Home Missions is the near side of Foreign Missions and Foreign Missions is the farther side of Home Missions. Forever and forever, they must go up or down together.

In helping to win the Southwest for the Baptists, the Home Board has not only helped to win an imperial victory for the

Baptists in this part of the world, but it has opened up vast resources for Foreign Missions with vigor from now on to close of conventions, and is today a great Foreign Mission agency. If this article were specifically on the work of the Foreign Board, I would say, and elaborate the saying, that a missionary outlet is essential to growth at home. If it be true that, without a fountain there can be no stream, it is equally true that, if there be no outlet for the fountain, it will stagnate.

To come back to the point, the Home Mission Board through its forces, has developed a field, which promises inexhaustible resources for world-wide missionary conquest. Texas is an important factor in the work of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, standing generally third in the list of States in contributions, and destined, before many years, as I think, to lead all the States in gifts to Foreign Missions.

I have spoken of what has been in Texas, and the other States, in the Southwest. We are now in the midst of such a development as no people have ever had. It is altogether likely that Texas will double its population in ten years, and that, in a short time, Texas will certainly lead all the States in the American Union in population and wealth. In 50 years, it is likely that there will be thirty, perhaps forty million of people.

If the battle is pressed in the great Southwest as vigorously for the next two decades as it has been done in the last one, Texas Baptists alone will stand for more than all the Baptists in the South stand for today, so far as world-wide missions are concerned. What the Home Board has done in the past in this field, makes only a beginning of what ought to be done. If any have thought the work of the Home Board has been finished, they have written without the facts. There never has been a day when the missionary situation in the Southwest was so strenuous as now, and growing more so continuously. I take it that the urgency extends to other parts of the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, but just now I am speaking of the Southwest alone where thousands of miles of railroad are in construction and where thousands of people come for homes in a single day and where new towns and cities are springing up like magic. The funds of the Home Board should be enlarged to meet the ever enlarging opportunities for service. Let us do our full duty for 25 years toward this great field, and we will have the greatest Baptist force the world has known since the ascension of Christ.

J. B. Gambrell.

"Don't Be Afraid."

We are told that our Foreign and Home Boards are facing a crisis in their work. A time of crisis calls for prayer, cool heads,

hot hearts and obedient wills. If these qualities shall belong to the pastors of our more than thirteen hundred churches with one hundred and twenty-five thousand members, to the pastors I say who are the key to the situation, then all of the \$60,000 asked by the two boards will be raised. Let our pastors then not be afraid to speak of missions, to preach on missions, to ask for money for missions, to show mission maps, to give out mission literature, to ask the Sunday school to help, to ask the mission societies to help. Brother pastor let us be doers of these things, let us turn on the light, and the Lord's people will give willingly and liberally to this work.

We are hoping to report an advance of fully 100 per cent over last year's offering to Foreign Missions, from the Sardis church. The offering was made last Sunday (Feb. 28th) and almost reaches that amount now. We have practiced what we suggest that others do and are happy over the gracious results attained. If the light is turned on our people will come very near doing their duty. Recently I have known one of our good men to increase his gift fivefold after an informing and inspiring talk on Foreign Missions.

Brother pastor a great flood of light has come to us revealing the physical, moral, social, commercial, industrial and religious life of those in foreign lands, now let us prayerfully, earnestly focalize it upon the hearts of the Lord's redeemed and they will come very near doing their duty and together in May, in November, we shall praise Him who permits and enables us to strive for his glory. Don't be afraid to turn on the light.

C. T. Kincanon.

Sardis, Miss., March 3, 1909.

A Call.

Pastors and Churches of Central Association:

As vice president of Home Missions in this association I want to urge upon one and all the importance of an immediate response to the appeals being sent out by our secretaries relative to Home Missions. To put it mildly, the situation is alarming, and if something isn't done right away the cause will suffer untold harm. Brother pastor begin at once and let us push this campaign with vigor from now to close of convention year. Act, act at once. If any church in this association wants W. P. Price after March 14th write to me at once or to R. H. Tandy at Hazlehurst, Miss. (for one Sunday).

Yours in work,

W. A. Jordan.

Brother Price's Campaign.

I rejoice to be able to announce that on account of the pressing needs of the Home Board, the Board has arranged to allow

Bro. W. P. Price to help us in our home mission campaign during a part of the month of March and all of the month of April. There is no man in Mississippi more familiar with the great work of the Home Board than Bro. Price and he can be of great service to the pastors who are willing to use him in presenting the work of this great Board to their churches. He will be open for engagements both on Sundays and during the week on and after the second Sunday in March, or March 14. We trust that our brethren will make good use of his time and will make applications for his services promptly. If you would like to have him in your church to present the Home Mission work and assist you in taking your offering for that work, please write to Bro. Price at Jackson, Miss., or to myself at Hazlehurst, Miss., indicating what time you would like to have him come. It will be impossible for Bro. Price to reach a very large number of churches on Sunday, but he is willing to speak every night in the week as well. In this way he will be able to visit many places.

Dr. Gray has just returned from Cuba and writes that the condition of the Board's finances are alarming. He is relying on Mississippi for large help and I have assured him that we are going to measure fully up to his expectation.

I am greatly rejoiced by a number of encouraging letters which I have received from our vice presidents in the Associations. Some pastors have made splendid gains in their collections. More churches are contributing than ever before and the brethren assure me that they are doing everything possible to enlist every church. We are trusting you brethren for large things, don't say, us nay. We believe Mississippi will raise every dollar of her apportionment.

Sincerely,
Robert H. Tandy

Something Important.

Brothers N. A. Edmonds and J. W. Mayfield, graduates of Mississippi College, and now in the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., will be open to evangelistic and pastoral work June 1. These are Mississippi brethren, and two of our best young preachers, and both of them want to come back and settle in our midst. We need them and must have them. Such men are in great demand and they will get flattered offers elsewhere. I recommend these brethren unqualifiedly, for either protracted meeting work, or as pastor. Write them at Louisville, Ky.

In closing let me say we will soon have completed here at Forest one of the handsomest and best arranged houses of worship to be found anywhere. This is one of the noblest churches in the State.

W. B. Sansing.

Forest, Miss.

News in the Circle.

Martin Ball.

Evangelist Luther Little, of the Home Board, is supplying for the Coliseum Church New Orleans, for the present, and getting things ready for the united campaign, which begins March 24.

Rev. W. M. Burr has consented to assist President B. C. Lowrey in his work for the sanitarium for a few months. He will make a success of what he undertakes.

The Young Woman's Auxiliary of Winona has raised and expended \$943.04 since their organization. Any pastor is missing much who has not the support of such an organization. The influence they exert in every way for church support is marvelous.

Last week the lower house of the Arkansas legislature passed the State-wide prohibition bill 53 to 27. It is thought the senate will pass it. Hon. W. T. Gann, the author of the bill, is only 37 years old. A noble Christian gentleman.

Rev. Frank J. Fleming, of Hartford, Ala., leaves the pastorate and assumes the work of an evangelist. They are getting thick, but the work needs evangelists.

Field Secretary Lee, of Dallas, Texas, will attend the North Mississippi Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. convention at Water Valley April 14-16. What a meeting we are expecting! No one can afford to miss it.

Evangelist of the Home Board recently closed a meeting with the Williamsburg church, Kentucky, in which there were 54 baptisms. \$700.00 raised for Home Missions.

Rev. J. W. Willis goes from Norman to Edmond, Okla. The Central State Normal College, with 900 students, is located at Edmond.

Pastor E. L. Wells, Quincy, Fla., has just closed a gracious meeting with his church. The preaching was done by Evangelist T. T. Martin. It is said that infidelity, skepticism and sin, in low and high places, were dethroned by the strong preaching of Brother Martin.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett, Dallas, Texas, is aiding Pastor Z. C. Cody in a great revival in the old First Church, Greenville, S. C. We may expect great results from a team like that.

Mr. Chas. Mortimer, who is teaching civil engineering in Washington City, writes to his mother at Winona that a collection was taken recently in the Calvary Church, Dr. Green pastor, amounting to \$10,285.00. That was great giving.

The church and pastor at Winona were made real happy last Sunday morning when a collection of \$336 was taken to meet a balance on one of the notes against the church building. The Sunday school gave \$75 and the ladies' missionary societies gave \$75.

Mr. Sam S. Broadus, who is a deacon in the church at Decatur, Ala., son of Dr. Jno. A. Broadus, will take a voyage on the Mediterranean and visit the Holy Land. He is on the journey now.

Bro. Epting writes. "Yesterday was a great day with the Baptist saints of Ripley. There were ten additions to the church. We have had twenty-seven additions in the last three months. Our foreign mission offering was more than twice as much as the church ever gave before. We begin our revival meeting May 20th. Rev. E. D. Solomon will do the preaching for us. Pray for us that the meeting may be one of great power."

Rev. T. C. Long has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Southside Church, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Evangelist J. H. Dew, of Missouri is meeting with much success in his evangelistic work. He has Rev. C. A. Westbrook to aid in the music. In the recent meeting at St. Joseph, T. W. O'Kelly pastor, there were 49 additions. This in the face of two heavy blizzards.

Dr. W. B. Bagby, missionary in Brazil for 28 years, says. "There is a grander Baptist opportunity in South America than in any other mission field except China. There are more than 120 Baptist churches and over 5,000 members."

Pastor Theo. Whitfield, Flat River, Mo., has just closed a gracious meeting in his church—57 additions—43 by baptism. He was aided by Pastor E. H. Robinson of Leadwood, Mo. Pastor Whitfield is a Mississippian. We are glad to learn of his wonderful success.

Pastor C. A. Ridley, Beaumont, Texas, has just closed a splendid meeting in his church. He was aided by Evangelist H. M. Wharton—54 additions. He regards Evangelist Wharton the most interesting evangelist of his acquaintance.

Rev. L. A. Moore of the Southside Church, Meridian, has accepted the call to the church at Houston, made vacant by the untimely death of Rev. W. T. Hudson.

It is claimed that there were 30,504 conversions in the Chapman-Alexander meetings recently held in Boston. That beats Pentecost largely. Wonder if the conversions were as genuine as those of Pentecost?

The church at Cleburne, Texas, Rev. W. K. Penrod pastor, has just closed a gracious meeting. Ninety-two united with the church—62 by baptism. Evangelist W. D. Wakefield did the preaching.

The South Jacksonville Church, Florida, has called Rev. W. G. Patterson, of Fernandina. He accepts and will be on the field soon.

Our secretary, A. V. Rowe, speaks encouragingly of the general outlook for our State, and especially of the work at Purvis. He says the building recently erected by the church there is unique and well adapted to the situation.

Union Meetings.

Please permit me to say, through your columns, that I do not object to "Union Meetings" where the right kind of an agreement can be had. I see no reasons why those who believe in the vacarious sufferings of Christ—those who believe that Christ became the sinner's substitute, should not sometimes engage in a "Union Meeting." But I do not believe in going into such a meeting with every brother who may desire to hold one. I was in a "Union Meeting" some time since in which a preacher did his best to prove that we are saved by our works. I quoted Eph. 2:8-10, as Paul's view of the relation of salvation and works. I may have done wrong, but I could not afford to give my approval by keeping silent. When we go into a "Union Meeting," let us have an understanding that Christ is to be preached as a personal, present, perfect Savior, and also that every Christian is at liberty to work for his own church, and to teach the truth as he understands it. The sweet singer of Israel said, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Yes, I heartily agree with the Psalmist that it is both good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity, but let us remember that the Holy Spirit never taught that we should sacrifice principle for the sake of appearing to be united, when we are poles apart.

I believe that there are Christians in all denominations, and I am willing to unite with them in working for the advancement of the cause of my Master. But if I am not allowed to teach the Word of God, as I see it, to every enquiring soul, then I ask to be excused. We ought to obey God rather than man. May the Lord, whose we are and whom we delight to serve, help us to be faithful to Him.

Yours in His name,

A. J. Preston.

RAISING AND GIVING.

A Lesson in Church Finance

By Mrs. F. M. Howard,
in Home Herald.

There was consternation in the Ladies' Aid when it was rumored that Mrs. Drivewell would decline a re-election to the presidency.

"Whatever can we do without her?" cried little Mrs. Breezy impulsively. "Such a worker in the church—where shall we find her equal?"

It was, indeed, a problem, for the Ladies' Aid leaned upon Mrs. Drivewell rather than upon the Lord for help in every time of need or trouble, and her ability at raising money was unquestioned.

"Who will manage the Colonial supper?" wailed Mrs. Timid. "We had never thought of one even until she came among us, and see what heaps of money they bring in. Every one patronizes our Colonial suppers."

"A good reason why they should," snapped Mrs. Sharp. "It isn't every day they get a chance at a dollar supper for twenty-five cents. Sharp says if I ever do the work on another one, he'll get a divorce from me." Mr. Sharp was known as a noisy, unregenerate man with none too much respect for church or church methods, so this harrowing domestic condition failed to arouse much sympathy—indeed, Mrs. Sharp was the thorn in the side of the Ladies' Aid at all times, though they were loth to extract her on account of her ability to "make things hum," as one sister expressed it.

"Mrs. Drivewell says that the work is too heavy. That her physician has strongly protested against her taking it another year," remarked Mrs. Houston, with a sigh; "but, as you say, I do not see how we are going to get along without her."

"Why couldn't we divide the Ladies' Aid into two sections, with a president for each?" suggested Mrs. Ames thoughtfully. "I have heard of it's being done in other churches."

There was a tumult of delightful approval.

"The very thing; and that would relieve Mrs. Drivewell of at least half the burden. That nice little Mrs. Dey, who has

lately joined us, has been a great worker in the church. I hear. Why not elect her for the second section?" Mrs. Clark had done more thinking than talking until now.

"A good idea," observed Mrs. Breezy; adding, shrewdly, "It would not do to have two Mrs. Drivewells, for the dear woman does love her own way. Her best friends cannot deny that."

"Her best friends know it better than anyone else, I reckon." Mrs. Sharp added, dryly. Thus it came to pass that on election day, the Ladies' Aid was divided as proposed, and Mrs. Drivewell and Mrs. Dey elected as presidents. There was a marked difference between the two ladies.

Mrs. Drivewell was large, commanding, and with a decisive speech reminded one of a general on the field. She always had her way. She knocked down adverse opinions as a player bowls down ten-pins, and the Ladies' Aid meekly hurried them out of the way and gave her a victorious score. Mrs. Dey, on the other hand, was small, unobtrusive, but not inefficient. She had ideas, and it was not very long before her section of the Ladies' Aid began to take notice.

It was after the blaze and glory of the Colonial supper. At that great yearly event all the ladies of the church were expected to give, and give liberally, of money, stores and labor for the success of the enterprise, and in consequence a feast was spread which attracted the outside element as molasses draws flies. Crowds came and licked up the tempting viands till there was scarcely enough left with which to serve the weary and perspiring waiters.

"I never was so tired in all my born days," remarked Mrs. Breezy, as she fanned herself with her apron. "I've been right in this hot kitchen since eight this morning, and my husband says if I ever agree to do it again he'll get me a strait-jacket." It was a noticeable fact that the "hands of the Ladies' Aid made vigorous speeches before and after these brilliant events."

"Well, he'll smile broadly enough when he hears how much we have made," replied Mrs. Drivewell, calmly, as she juggled a promising looking bag. "Seventy-five dollars isn't to be sneezed at these hard times."

"You're right we must," asserted Mrs. Drivewell, aggressively, "and as I said, if anyone knows of a better way—" and she looked about, as if expecting someone to pick up her gage of

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"It's the only way I know of to raise money for the church," she said, with a defiant toss of her shapely head. "Of course it means work and plenty of it, but if anybody knows of a better way—"

"With the parsonage to keep in repair, and the new church furniture to get, the Ladies' Aid must earn money," murmured Mrs. Timid, deprecatingly.

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WOMAN'S WORK

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W. W.

It is not well that I should move
Forever in life's east street.
How should my feet not bleed
for Love?
Love's bled for me. And love is
sweet.
I follow, though the brambles
tear,
And though the mountain track
is rough,
How should I move a cross to
bear?
Christ went this way. It is
enough.

—Norman Gale.

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OUR TOPIC FOR MARCH.

National Dangers and Opportu- nities.

What is the great menace to
our land in these opening days
of the 20th century? It is the
coming tide of foreigners from
every nation under heaven, bring-
ing with it paganism, Roman Ca-
tholicism, Mormonism, infidelity.
Says a writer on Home Missions:
"The battle lost at home, our
cause is slain abroad. Christian-
ity failing in America is doomed
in other countries."

General Booth wrote of "Dark-
est England," bringing into view
the fact that hundreds of thou-
sands of the population of Lon-
don were as grossly ignorant of
the truths of true religion, as the
Hottentots.

What is true of London may
be affirmed in a modified sense
of all our great American cities.
They offer a vast field of mission-
ary work which cannot be thor-
oughly done by any one mission-
ary organization. The churches
of the cities must set themselves
to take up this mighty task. Mis-
sion branches and Sunday schools
must be established among the
foreign population. Private
Christians must go from house to
house, seeking to bring in the
lost ones.

It is very easy to write these
words, but the doing is a hard
thing. Our hands are so full of
work for ourselves, or for those
directly dependent upon us, that
we lose sight of the "King's busi-
ness."

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from the "madding crowd" of
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Miss Caldwell's Letter.

(Continued from last issue).

On Tuesday, Thursday and Sat-
urday mornings we study New
Testament with Dr. Robertson,
and the seniors have comparative
religions and missions with Dr.
McGlothlin, and church history,
all at the Seminary. In the aft-
ernoon of Tuesday and Thursday
the juniors have Sunday school
pedagogy with Dr. Dement, and
on Tuesday also domestic science
under Miss Brown. Here we
learn cooking and sewing. To
keep our mothers from being in-
sulted, for they certainly did
their duty in training us, we must
add that these classes are to
teach us to teach others to cook
and sew. In cooking especial at-
tention is given to preparing a
diet for the sick.

The seniors have the privilege
of being instructed by the honor-
ed president of the Seminary, Dr.
E. Y. Mullins, in systematic the-
ology four afternoons in the
week.

None of us have ever had the
privilege of standing on Nebo
and viewing the landscape o'er,
but next to the actual visit to
the Holy Land is Dr. Eager's
graphic description of it, and we
regret that our course only
includes a half year's work in
Biblical Introduction under his
tutelage. Ecclesiology is includ-
ed in the work of our third year,
and this subject is taught by the
sweet spirited pastor-professor,
Dr. Gardner.

Wednesdays and Fridays we
have Personal Work, taught by
our principal, Mrs. McLure. We
juniors use Dr. Torrey's work on
this subject. The seniors use De-
Vine's "Principles of Relief." On
these days we also have elo-
cution, in which Mrs. Acuff hopes
to teach us to speak more dis-
tinctly and to enunciate more
clearly.

During the half hour just be-
fore dinner on Wednesday all
the students of the school assem-
ble in the chapel and report the
work on the various mission
fields of the city in which we are
engaged. We discuss plans for
work and try to help each other
by suggestion and by prayer.

On Friday we have sight sing-
ing, which is the despair of Mrs.
McLure. We mix up do, re mi's
to such an alarming extent we
scarcely know mi from any one
else, and few can be sure our
sols are our own.

Our lectures are not to be for-
gotten. Wednesday evenings we
enjoy very much Miss Leachman's
lecture. She is a most successful
city missionary. Miss Leachman
lives in the house with us, and
whenever we meet with any dif-
ficulties in our practical mission
work, our first thought is that
Miss Leachman can help us and
our record is that she has cleared
away the difficulties.

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thusiastically and prayerfully.
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F. Whitten, vice president, and
Miss Dell Hayward, as secretary
and treasurer, what may we not
expect from this union this year
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ship to help?

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in the building of their beautiful
new church which will soon be
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give more than ever before for
all missions. May that be the
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U's in Coldwater Association this
year.

Mrs. A. T. Cinnamon,
Associational vice pres.

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of Prayer. Send to the churches
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listing them in this special effort
for Home Missions.

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week of prayer in deed and in
truth. Plan earnestly and pray-
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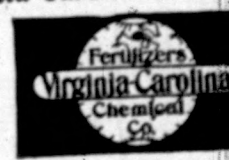
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The Senate bill passed by the House of Representatives has just been signed by the President. Everyone interested in the great natural wonders rejoices that as a means of saving the big trees, the way has been paved for a practical exchange of the timber in the groves for stumpage on other forest land owned by the government. The first Calaveras bill was introduced in the senate four years ago by Senator Perkins of California. Bills for the same purpose were passed in the upper house of Congress a number of times, but always failed of favorable consideration in the House until Senate Bill 1574, also introduced by Senator Perkins, was called up by Congressman S. C. Smith, of California.

Robert B. Whiteside, of Duluth, Minn., a prominent lumberman operating in the Lake States and on the Pacific Coast, is the owner of the Calaveras big trees. After his agreement to the proposals which are simply a practical exchange of timber for timber, the entire delegation gave its solid and enthusiastic support to the bill. No appropriation is needed to carry out the provisions of the act.

The land to be acquired under the bill includes about 960 acres in what is known as the North Calaveras Grove in Calaveras county, and 3,040 acres in the south grove in Tuolumne county. The north grove contains ninety-three big trees and in the south grove there are 1,380 of those giant sequoias. Any tree under eighteen feet in circumference, or six feet through, is not considered in the count of large trees. Besides the giant sequoias there are hundreds of sugar pines and

yellow pines of astonishing proportions, ranging to the height of 275 feet and often attaining diameter of eight to ten feet. There are also many white firs and incense cedars in the two tracts. A government study of the land was made by a field party under the direction of Fred G. Plummer, United States Forest Service, in 1906.

The Calaveras big trees are known the world over. The north grove contains ten trees each having a diameter of twenty-five feet or over, and more than seventy having a diameter of fifteen to twenty-five feet. Most of the trees have been named, some for famous generals of the United States and others for statesmen and various States of the Union. The Father of the Forests, now down, is estimated by Hittel, in his "Resources of California," to have had a height of 450 feet and a diameter at the ground of more than forty feet when it was standing. "Massachusetts" contains 118,000 feet of lumber; "Governor Stone-man" contains 108,000 board feet, and the "Mother of the Forest," burned in the terrible forest fire which licked its way into a part of the grove last summer contains 105,000 board feet. Each of these trees named grows as much lumber as is grown ordinarily on fifteen or twenty acres of timberland. The bark runs from six inches to two feet in thickness. Among the other large named trees in the two groves are "Waterloo," "Pennsylvania," "James King," "Old Bachelor," "Pride of the Forest," "Daniel Webster," Sir John Franklin, "Empire State," "U. S. Grant," "W. T. Sherman," J. P. McPherson, "Abraham Lincoln," "Connecticut," "Ohio," "Grover Cleveland," "Mrs. Grover Cleveland," "Dr. Nelson," "General Custer," "Dr. J. W. Dawson," "General Hancock," "Knight of the Forest," "Two Sentinels," and "Old Dowd."

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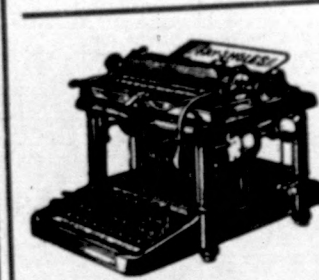
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solemn hush fell over them instead of the usual chatter and laughter when they were together.

"I believe that we are all anxious to do and to give of our very best for the Lord's cause," Mrs. Dey began, her sweet voice full of feeling, "but before we make any definite plans for our future, I wish to study with you the difference between raising and giving. What is it that we understand by raising money for the church?"

"Getting money or goods out of somebody who doesn't want to give it," answered sharp-witted Nellie Phillips, who was often on soliciting committees because of her wits, "like I teased a whole ham out of our butcher for the Colonial. He said we church people were the most unblushing beggars he ever saw, and he'd have to raise on the price of our meat for a year to make good, but he gave it, all the same."

A pained look flitted across Mrs. Dey's expressive face. "One instance where the name of the Lord Jesus was not honored as it should be," she said gently. "I have made a study of this question of raising or giving money for the Lord's cause, and that there is only one right way, and that is to give with free hearts and willing hands what is needed. To give until we really know we are giving, and then pray the Lord to bless the result of our giving, as we cannot ask Him to bless our raising money by the questionable methods which our young sister has so graphically described."

Mrs. Dey had thrown a bomb with her gentle hand, and the ladies of section Number Two looked at each other in surprised consternation. "I think I can illustrate what I mean," continued Mrs. Dey, "by telling you the story of our church at Moreton. We had always raised money in that church. Some of our weary, wornout sisters had actually grown grey in its laborious service, and an almost endless succession of small bickerings and jealousies had followed. They were so heated and tired out, poor things, over the much serving at suppers and socials that cross words were spoken, and even looks misinterpreted, under the strain of the continual rais-

ing of money. Money was the nourishing cause of much evil, but we could not see it when our eyes were so holden by the Almighty Dollar. The Lord sent us a new pastor, a veritable man of God, who believed in spiritual tithing as well as money tithing. He believed that faith and prayer and the pocketbook should go hand in hand, and that each one should give for himself or herself, and not for another. Herebefore, about a dozen of us had done the work of the raising of money in the church, but he began to show us the better way, and he never rested until he had abolished the serving of meals for pay, and brought in the new era of each one giving as the Lord had prospered them, even to the little children, and when we met together socially our church hospitality was free."

"And did it pay?" asked Mrs. Sharp, incredulously.

"It certainly did, though doubting Thomases were as thick as blackberries at first," smiled Mrs. Dey. "Families gave dollars where they had given nickels before, and the Lord's cause prospered wonderfully. The backs of the church drudges began to straighten up and they could take time to visit the sick and to do the real work of Christ's church in the world. The missionary society took on new life, and the congregations became so large that a new church building was necessary."

"Oh, mercy," sighed Mrs. Clark. "It makes my back ache even to think of a new church."

"But when it becomes a necessity, I hope we shall find a better way of helping than keeping a church restaurant," replied Mrs. Dey, so sweetly that no one could be offended by her remark. "Really, dear ladies, what would be your estimate of what it cost you in food, labor and money for

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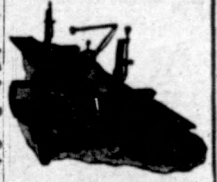
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"Counting the four of us who went to the supper, at least three dollars, promptly replied one sister who had not spoken before.

Others responded with greater or less sums, and Mrs. Dey took the record on a slip of paper. "As nearly as I can judge, the price of the supper added to the cost of the materials you furnished leaves so small a margin of profit that it is really not worth mentioning. The same sum given to the Lord's cause with prayer, and faith in His power to multiply it, would have saved all this hard work, and, in my opinion, come much nearer to the Scriptural idea of giving."

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